(b) Slow progress was due to inadequate mobilization of plant and machinery, material, labour etc. at site by the contractor.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The contract of the contractor who was executing this work has been terminated and thereafter the balance work has been awarded to the Build-Operate and Transfer (BOT) Concessionaire of the ongoing six laning project on Bharuch-Surat Section of NH-8. The work is in progress and targeted for completion by July, 2009.

Upgradation of Haridwar-Rishikesh road

1519. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the condition of the road between Haridwar and Rishikesh in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that lakhs of pilgrims and tourists travel on this road; and

(c) the plan to upgrade this road including the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The National Highway between Haridwar and Rishikesh in Uttarakhand is in traffic worthy condition.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Haridwar to Nepali Farm section of the National Highway has been identified for 4 laning as part of Haridwar to Dehradun section under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase III on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis. Work for updation of Detailed Project' Report (DPR) is in progress and after clearance from Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC), 4 laning work is targeted to be awarded by December, 2008. The work of paved shoulder is in progress in 7.4 km. length between Nepali Farm to Rishikesh and targeted to be completed by June, 2008. Remaining 1.60 km length is proposed for widening with paved shoulder in next Annual Plan 2008-09.

Vessels Traffic System

1520. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any project to establish Vessels Traffic System in Gulf of Kutch to regulate the shipping traffic;

(b) the status of establishment of VTMS for the Gulf of Kutch;

(c) to whom the project has been awarded;

(d) the time overrun that has taken place in the project;

(e) the reasons for the dealy; and

(f) by when the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Vessels Traffic System (VTS) project in the Gulf of Kutch consists of civil engineering work and supply and installation of VTS equipment. The civil engineering work comprising construction of radar towers and ancillary buildings is in progress and the Factory Acceptance Test for the VTS equipment has been carried out.

(c) The project has been awarded to the consortium led by M/s. Telecommunication Consultants India Ltd., a Government of India Enterprise under the Department of Telecommunications. Other consortium partners are M/s. HITT, Holland (for VTS equipment) and M/s. M. L. Dalmiya and Co. (for civil engineering work).

(d) The time overrun of the project is 18 months.

(e) The delay is due to the slow progress in the civil engineering work.

(f) The project is likely to be completed by October, 2008.

Work on Rangiya to Tamulpur road in Assam

1521. SHRI URKHAO GWRABRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of work on the road between Rangiya to Tamulpur of Kamrup district, Assam;

(b) the estimated amount of funds allocated and implementing agencies engaged for the said road; and

(c) the stipulated time, if any, to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has informed that the Army Headquarters have endorsed the improvement of Rangiya to Tamulpur road to National Highways double lane specifications in December, 2007 and the works have been planned for commencement during 2007-08. The estimated cost of the improvement of this 48.6 km road has been assessed as Rs. 52.60 crore by BRO, subject to finalisation of the estimates and an amount of Rs 50 lakh has been provisioned for expenditure during 2007-08 under GS funding. The target date of completion as informed by BRO is March, 2011.

CRF (State Roads) Rules, 2007

1522. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SNAGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued new CRF (State Roads) Rules, 2007;

(b) whether issues regarding practicability of these rules are raised by States would cause delays in the implementation of projects in the States;

(c) whether Government is taking necessary steps for timely release of funds under CRF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.